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RESTRAINING PIPE SPIGOTS IN MECHANICAL PIPE JOINT

BELL SOCKETS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.